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FM AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3200

INFO AMEMBASSY KABUL

AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

AMCONSUL LAHORE

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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJ: CODEL FRELINGHUYSEN

REF: STATE 21124, LAHORE 165.

1. WE WELCOME PROPOSED VISIT OF CODEL FRELINGHUYSEN. SUGGEST, HOWEVER, THAT CONGRESSMAN BE APPRISED OF CERTAIN POINTS OF DIFFICULTY IN KABUL-ISLAMABAD-NEW DELHI PORTION OF ITINERARY AS OUTLINED PARA TWO STATE REFTEL.

2. DRIVING FROM ISLAMABAD TO NEW DELHI IN ONE DAY IS FEASIBLE, BUT IS LONG GRUELING TRIP UNDER BEST OF CIRCUMSTANCES. WOULD REQUIRE DEPARTURE ISLAMABAD WELL BEFORE DAWN AND NO EXTENDED STOPS EN ROUTE IN ORDER REACH DELHI BY EVENING. TIMING WOULD BE COMPLICATED BY EXTRAORDINARY SECURITY PRECAUTIONS AND TRAFFIC DISRUPTIONS IN LAHORE DURING PERIOD OF ISLAMIC SUMMIT MEETING AS MENTIONED LAHORE REFTEL. UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES WE WOULD RECOMMEND AGAINST ATTEMPTING ONE-DAY ISLAMABAD-LAHORE TRIP, SUGGESTING AS ALTERNATIVE THAT CODEL MIGHT CONSIDER BREAKING TRIP IN LAHORE.

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EM MOST SENIOR GOP OFFICIALS WILL BE COMPLETELY

PREOCCUPIED WITH ISLAMIC SUMMIT DURING PERIOD
FEBRUARY 18 THROUGH 25 AND PROBABLY FOR PRECEDING
WEEK AS WELL. IF CODEL IS INTERESTED IN MEETING WITH
TOP RANKING OFFICIALS, WOULD BE NECESSARY TO RESCHEDULE
ISLAMABAD VISIT UNTIL AFTER FEBRUARY 27 OR 28. TIME
PROPOSED STATE REFTTEL WOULD BE FINE FOR EMBASSY IF
CONGRESSMAN CONTENT WITH LARGELY IN-HOUSE VISIT.

4. ASSUME DEPARTMENT AWARE SPECIAL VISA RESTRICTIONS
IMPOSED BY GOP TO COVER PERIOD OF ISLAMIC SUMMIT AND
WILL ADVISE CODEL TO OBTAIN VISAS BEFORE DEPARTURE.

5. CONTROL OFFICER IS ECONOMIC OFFICER CLAY NETTLES.
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